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Acknowledgment of Reply Brief

The reply brief filed 7/8/03 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

It is noted that the reply brief included a modified copy of Figure 1. The enclosed drawing (Figure 1) has been entered as part of the reply brief, but does not constitute a formal amendment ^{to} the specification of the present application. Any formal drawings or corrections to the drawing(s) to amend an application must be submitted according to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.85 and 1.121 (See MPEP 608.02 (p)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachel L. Porter whose telephone number is 703-305-0108. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on (703) 305-9588. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703-872-9306) for regular communications and (703-872-9306) for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1113.

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